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1. The North Korean vehicle which shot down the F-51 pilot on 12 August at approximately 128-20, 36-17 was described by the pilot as an "enormous tank" without a turret but with 50-caliber machine guns mounted on top of the hull. The pilot was uncertain whether that vehicle had one or two guns.*
2. The railroad line between Sangdong station, Seoul and Chorwon (127-12, 38-14) was in operation on 4 August. The line is possibly in operation farther north, since a traveler arrived in Seoul on 3 August from Wonsan (127-26, 39-10).
3. The branch lines at Ichon (127-26, 37-16) and Changhown-ni (127-38, 37-06) were not operating on 5 and 6 August. It was not known whether the railroad south of Seoul was still going.
4. Some supplies were moving south from the Seoul area by truck convoy to the front lines on 4 August. The lead truck of each convoy carried a white flag on its rear.**

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Comment. Possibly two vehicles were involved, a tank and a self-propelled gun.

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Comment. On several occasions UN planes strafed ahead of the convoy.

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